

Bass For The Non-Bassist Teacher

at

The International Society of Bassists

2023 International Convention

Monday, June 5, 2023

University of Michigan School of Music

Ann Arbor, Michigan

**A day of learning how to help your bassists,
and experiencing what your bassists can do!**

The International Society of Bassists (ISB) is the world's largest teacher/player community dedicated exclusively to the double bass. The ISB's biennial international convention takes place next in Ann Arbor, Michigan the week of June 5-10, 2023. We've designed a great day of bass just for you!

Monday, June 5th will be dedicated to hands-on learning for teachers who are not primarily bassists to build their bass skills, their awareness of what is possible, and their ability to help their bassists achieve all that they can. The finest bass teachers will offer classes on:

- hands-on skill-building
- working with young bassists in group settings
- bass maintenance
- group diagnosis and teaching - helping bassists from the podium
- recruitment and motivation
- creating bass parts that challenge and teach your bassists
- materials and repertoire for the developing bassist
- and topics that you bring to the workshop.

You will leave with resources to support you going forward - mentors, clinicians, materials, and ideas! The ISB is deeply invested in helping you to develop and nurture future bassists and support your students!

Join us in Ann Arbor for a day of bass love!

Who is this workshop for?

We are targeting public and private school orchestra teachers who work with young bassists but are not themselves primarily bassists.

Who will be teaching the workshop?

The workshop will be directed by bassist and teacher John Kennedy, ISB past-president and 30-year veteran public school orchestra teacher. He will be joined by

- Teachers and performers from around the US and the world who specialize in working with school orchestras and young bassists
- Luthiers specializing in basses for young bassists
- Young bass performers and ensembles
- Mentors from the jazz and classical traditions

The full lineup of teachers and mentors will be announced as we get closer to the Convention.

Activities during the day

Participants will be guided to create a schedule that meets their needs and interests, and will include:

- Fundamental technique classes** - how to play, and how to communicate technique to the young bassist
- Bridging the gap** - techniques to effectively teach bassists alongside the upper strings
- Creating 'real' bass parts** - how to edit your music to challenge and support your students
- Motivation and opportunity** - repertoire for individuals and bass sections to build technique and excitement
- Question and Answer sessions** with School-teaching Bassists and Teachers of young students
- Instrument setup and maintenance** - what's essential, what's nice, what are absolute no-nos (bass triage for school instruments) - *bringing an instrument from your school to play on and work with will be a valuable part of the experience* (although rental instruments will be available if necessary)
- Demonstrations and performances** by young bassists
- Evening performance by world-renowned ensemble *Time for Three***
- Time for one-on-one learning and networking** - our goal is for you to return home with a network of committed bass mentors who can continue to support you in the future

What is the ISB Convention?

The ISB Convention lives into our mission of “*Educate. Connect. Inspire.*” by bringing 1,500 bassists from around the world together for a week of performance, learning, teaching, and connection. Over 150 events are presented including masterclasses, pedagogy forums, luthier panels, historical research, recitals of new music, and evening headliner concerts by some of the world's greatest performers on the bass. The 2023 Convention will be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Daytime events will happen at the UM School of Music and affiliated buildings, and evening headliner concerts at the historic Michigan Theater.

Schedule for Monday, June 5:

8:30am - 10:00pm The day's schedule will be tailored to fit your needs and interests. Activities at the UM School of Music during the day will include classes and workshops, individual sessions, performances, QandA sessions, opportunity for lunch and dinner with teachers and mentors, and in the evening, the headline concert *Time for Three* at the Michigan Theater.

Housing Options

Info on housing for participants who desire it will be available in the coming months.

Registration

Register at:

<https://www.isbworldoffice.com/convention-teacher-day.asp>

We look forward to seeing you in June!